

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A telecommunication system for transporting information from a sender using a sending terminal to a receiver using a receiving terminal and comprising a protection mechanism for protecting said information against becoming available to at least one third party, characterised in that said protection mechanism has at least a first mode for protecting said information according to a first protective way and has at least a second mode for protecting said information according to a second protective way, with said first and second protective ways being mutually different, whereby said telecommunication system is provided with an activation mechanism, coupled to said protection mechanism, for activating at least one of said modes in dependence on at least control information originating from said sender and representing ~~a category~~ an economic value of the transported information,

said system being further characterised in that said telecommunication system comprises a billing mechanism coupled to said activation mechanism for billing said sender in dependence on at least the activated one of said modes.

2. - 3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended): The telecommuication system according to ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, characterised in that said telecommunication system comprises a returning mechanism for, in response to a detection of transported information having become available to at least one third

party, returning a predefined value to said sender, which predefined value is a function of said economic value.

5. - 8. (canceled).

9. (previously presented): A method for transporting information from a sender, using a sending terminal, to a receiver using a receiving terminal, and comprising the step of protecting said information against becoming available to at least one third party, characterised in that said method further comprises the steps of

receiving, from said sender, control information representing an economic value of said information to be transported, and

in dependence on at least said control information, activating at least one of at least two modes comprising a first mode, for protecting said information according to a first protective way, and a second mode for protecting said information according to a second protective way, with said first and second protective ways being mutually different, and

billing said sender in dependence on at least the activated one of said modes.

10. (previously presented): The method according to claim 9, characterised in that said method comprises the step of, in response to a detection of transported information having become available to at least one third party, returning a predefined value to said sender, which predefined value is a function of said economic value.